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No bus drivers fired under cost-cutting proposal

Plan cuts \$252,389 from transportation budget

ERIN L. MCCOY
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A proposal to cut \$252,389 from the Nelson County Schools transportation budget would eliminate six routes and six bus drivers without having to fire a single driver.

The bus driver positions would be eliminated through attrition, as at least six drivers already plan to retire or resign by the end of the year, Executive Director of Operations Tim Hockensmith told the Nelson County School Board at a work session Thursday.

"We are not going to have to eliminate anybody from their jobs," confirmed Director of Physical Support Services Todd Sanders.

Some bus drivers have

"We wanted to make sure that we compensated people, but now that we see how that works, we were overcompensating people.

TODD SANDERS, DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL SUPPORT SERVICES

expressed concern in recent weeks that a large percentage of their work force may be cut, or that they might be asked to run double routes and work more hours than what they're paid to work. Superintendent Anthony Orr set a goal in January to cut

\$250,000 from the transportation budget, and he said although he had considered doubling every driver's route, he knew that might not be feasible.

However, Orr and Sanders said not all drivers were working the full four

hours for which they were paid, and they wanted to make the department more efficient in that area.

Only a relatively small number of routes would be affected by the proposal, likely to come before the school board's April 17 reg-

ular meeting, Sanders said. The department worked to redraw routes by combining some in which fewer students were being picked up and cutting down on areas where routes overlap.

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Louisville men arrested at alleged meth cook

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A Nelson County Sheriff's deputy allegedly discovered an active meth cook at a Timber Trail residence Tuesday.

Three Louisville men were arrested and lodged at the Nelson County Jail, and more people may be charged, Dep. Reece Riley said.

Johnathan Moore, 20, his father Walter Moore, 42, and Chad Newton, 25, all of Louisville, were each charged with manufacturing methamphetamine, complicity to manufacturing methamphetamine, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (meth) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Dispatch received an anonymous tip about a pos-

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Art auction planned for community clinic fundraiser

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Health care continues to be a contentious issue among politicians during election time. With the cost of health care sure to rise, health clinics continue to be the only alternative for those without insurance to receive the medical care they need. The Nelson County Community Clinic continues to meet the need of patients with economic hardships or those working that don't have insurance without the politics. By supporting the Flaget Art Auction, residents of Nelson County can help support the clinic's future.

"We operate on a \$180,000 annual budget and deliver an estimated \$3 million in services," said Jan Tronzo, Executive Director of Nelson County Community Clinic. "The value of services grows every year and this year it grew by about \$700,000."

The Flaget Art Auction will be at the St. Gregory Community Center beginning at 6 p.m. April 13. There will be a silent auction, social hour and live auction including dinner.

"We will open the doors 30 minutes early so peo-

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Moving Day



ERIN L. MCCOY/The Kentucky Standard

Eight-year-old Kevin Collado, the youngest volunteer to help move St. Vincent de Paul to its new location, holds the door as Buddy Fields, Bardstown, pushes a refrigerator and Tony Hutchins, Bardstown, right, and Philip Mattingly, Bardstown, unload a truck. St. Vincent de Paul, which provides free and discounted food, clothing and furniture for Nelson County's needy, was closed last week for the move from North Fourth Street to North Second Street, in the old Rizer building. It is expected to reopen this week. A blessing and dedication will be 8:30 a.m. April 9.

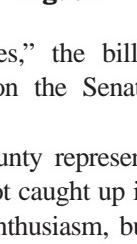
April Fools' Day pranks outlawed after legislative upheaval

STAFF REPORT

Kentuckians are ill-advised to indulge in trickery on the trickiest day of the year after Gov. Steve Beshear signed a measure into law Friday to outlaw April Fools' Day pranks.

The legislation was introduced in the Kentucky Senate in anticipation of a repeat of last year's April 1 session, which fell on a Friday, resulting in a rash of prank bills, whoopee cushions and misinformation

An April Fools' Day prank got out of hand in the General Assembly last year when Rep. David Floyd said Sen. Jimmy Higdon gave him tobacco laced with Tabasco sauce. Higdon blamed it on the day and swore it was bourbon not tobacco that he laced with Tabasco sauce.



throughout the Capital.

"I almost voted to outlaw pencils. That was poor judgment on my part. Things just got out of hand, and that's not how a responsible legis-

lature operates," the bill's author said on the Senate floor.

Nelson County representatives also got caught up in the holiday enthusiasm, but

say that what began with one legislator's shoelaces being tied together under the podium escalated into legislative turmoil.

"Jimmy offered me a chew of tobacco once and so I thought I'd try it, and it was so all-fired hot that I spit it out. He had loaded it with Tabasco sauce," Rep. David Floyd said.

"April Fools — I felt compelled to do it," Sen. Jimmy Higdon admitted. However, Higdon argued the Tabasco

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>> OPINION

Weigh in on this paper's poll question at www.kystandard.com:

Did you play an April Fool's joke on someone or get one played on you?

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>> OBITUARIES

Mary Beatrice Fields, 89



Mary Fields

Mary Beatrice Fields, 89, Bardstown, died Thursday March 29, 2012, at Life Care Center of Bardstown. She was the former

Beatrice Welch, a native of Nelson County, a retired employee of Jim Beam Distillery, and a former employee of T.W. Samuels and Bardstown Sewing Factory. She was a member of St. Gregory Catholic Church and the Altar Society of St. Gregory.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Thomas Fields; a son, Keith Fields; her parents, Russell and Omie Clark Welch; a sister, Myrtle Sinclair; and a brother, Marvin Welch.

Visitation is 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Greenwell-Houghlin Northside Funeral Home.

Expressions of sympathy may go to Masses in honor of Beatrice Fields.

Greenwell-Houghlin Northside Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

>> In the Kitchen

THE FLY LADY

Tips for decorating on the FLY

MARLA CILLEY
THE FLYLADY

Did you ever glance at those well-lighted pictures in a magazine and wish for a room that looked as inviting as the images on its pages? We want the feel of those pictures but we have no clue where to start to accomplish it. Don't feel bad because I can help you get started on your dream home and it can be done in baby steps.

Our biggest problem is that we don't know where to start! We see the beautifully put together rooms and we get overwhelmed. Then we put the magazine down and give up before we ever get started.

I was scared to death to remodel our home. When Robert and I married in 1996, I had a houseful of clutter and so did he. We put our clutter together and then went to estate auctions to buy more. We called ourselves upgrading the furniture that we already had. Oh, we got some great deals but it is so hard to see what you have when your home is filled with clutter.

It was only when we start-



Internet Info

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out her Web site and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, "Sink Reflections" published by Bantam.

ed to get rid of our clutter that we could selectively know what we needed to purchase. It took us about nine months to slowly eliminate our clutter. I like to think of it as giving birth to a new me. As the clutter disappeared I could see in my mind's eye what I wanted for our home and not the piles of stuff that clouded my vision. I began to feel the peace for which I had always searched and it was hiding underneath my hot spots.

Slowly our home became clutter free and peaceful. It was still not decorated as

those pictures in the magazines, but it hugged us when we walked in the door. Even with the green shag carpet from the '70s our home was inviting and my routines were helping me to keep our home company ready just for us. This was a blessing but it also created another level of fear in me.

With the clutter gone we could see that our home needed updating. Every room in our home needed help. We could actually see the forest for the first time. We looked closely at each room. I took a note pad and put on a different set of eyes to examine our home. Just imagine that you are a real estate agent and you are going to help your client get his or her home ready to sell. Grab a clipboard and your pen. I am going to walk you through your home.

We started with our one butt kitchen and our copper-tone appliances. I began to jot down everything that I felt made our home outdated. Then we looked at the outside of our home, our bathrooms, living room, bedrooms and back deck. We examined our heating

unit and our side porch.

Then we went to dinner to discuss what to do first. This was so frightening to me. I was afraid of allowing the clutter and CHAOS to invade our home again. Once I realized that I could do this by taking baby steps and by taking care of me during this process, I was willing to take the next step.

You can do this, too, with your routines in place to guide you and by flinging your clutter so that you have a clean palette with which to start. You will be surprised at how much better your home will feel when you love yourself enough to take baby steps. I will be telling you more about this in the future. Many people have this same problem and we want to help all of you to have the confidence to make your home feel comfortable.

The best compliment I have ever received is that our home looks just like us. This is because we only have things in our home that make us smile. Are you ready to FLY into building your dream home one baby step at a time?

Just a Pinch

Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons

By Janet Tarpe

Carrot Cake Cookies Dazzle for Easter

"Since I learned how to make cookies with a cake mix, I've been trying different combinations. This one crept into my mind the other day, and the family pronounced it very nice!"



Sweet, spicy and flavor-packed, these carrot cake cookies from home cook Susan Feliciano will put a hop in your step this Easter!

Made with a cake mix, these tasty morsels come together in a snap. The carrots, raisins and oats add to the texture, and the creamy mascarpone frosting spiked with vanilla and sugar top it all off. If you can't find mascarpone, a creamy Italian cheese, cream cheese makes for a good substitute.

See step-by-step photos of Susan's recipe and thousands of other recipes from home cooks at www.justapinch.com/carrotcookies

You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use "just a pinch..."

- Janet

Carrot Cookies with Mascarpone Frosting

What You Need

Cookies
1 pkg carrot cake mix
1 c very hot water
1/2 c butter
2 eggs
1 c dry oats

Frosting
1 c sugar
1/3 c heavy cream
1/4 c butter
1/4 c mascarpone cheese or cream cheese, softened
1 c powdered sugar
1 tsp vanilla
1/2 c chopped, toasted almonds or pecan halves

Directions

- Mix packet of carrots and raisins from cake mix with hot water and let sit 10 min. Drain and press out water; set aside. Preheat oven to 350°. Spray cookie sheets with cooking spray.
- Beat together cake mix, butter and eggs one at a time. Stir in oats and carrot-raisin mixture.
- Drop by tablespoons on prepared cookie sheets. Using a spoon dipped in water, press each cookie slightly flat.
- Bake cookies for 13 to 14 min. Remove pans from oven, wait 5 min., then transfer cookies to rack lined with waxed paper.
- For frosting, bring sugar, cream, and butter to a full rolling boil for 1 min. Remove from heat.
- Stir in the mascarpone cheese by spoonfuls until melted and combined. Stir in powdered sugar and vanilla. Beat by hand 5 to 7 min., until frosting thickens.
- Spoon 1 tsp frosting over cookies. Frosting will spread out some and may run. Let cool before proceeding if too runny.
- Press 1/2 teaspoon chopped nuts into frosting of each cookie. Or alternately, press one pecan half into frosting on top of cookie.

Submitted by: Susan Feliciano, Clinton, TN (pop. 9,841)

www.justapinch.com/carrotcookies

ties.

Mount Moriah Easter egg hunt

Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Boston, will have an Easter egg hunt 2 p.m. April 7. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available.

BUWC Easter egg hunt

Bardstown United Methodist Church invites all children and their families to its annual Easter Egg Hunt and free breakfast 9 a.m. April 7 at the second campus, 5100 Louisville Road.

President Anne Hamilton at 348-3744.

Living wreath class

Nelson County Extension Service will have a building your own living wreath class 6:30-8 p.m. April 3. Succulent plants are the foundation of a living wreath and in this class you will learn the plants best suited and their care.

Participants will take home a wreath to plant. Cost is \$20. Registration required. Call 348-9204 to register.

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus will meet 7 p.m. April 3 at K of C Hall. For more information, call Rob Graf G.K. at 348-9357 or Kerry P. Monin, F.S. at 348-8264.

Barton retirement luncheon

Barton Retirement luncheon will be noon April 3 at B.J.'s Restaurant.

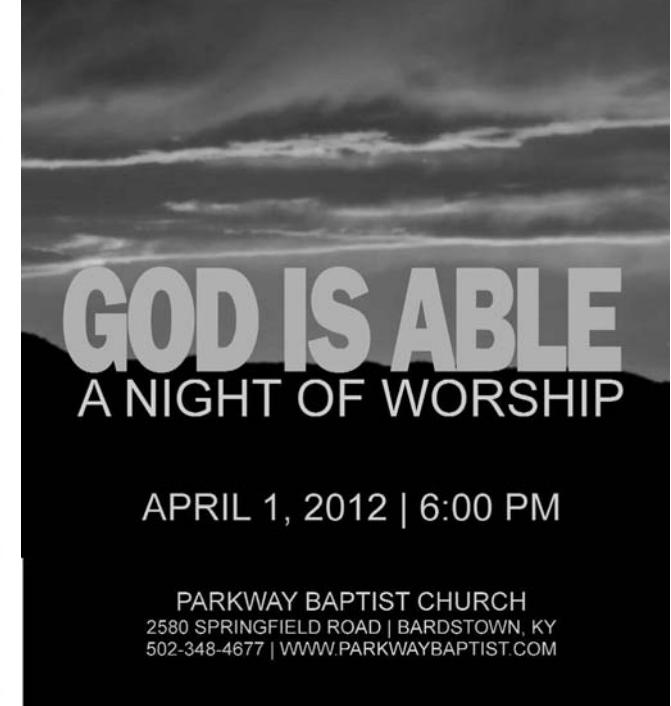
John Fitch Chapter DAR

The John Fitch Chapter of the DAR will meet on Tuesday, April 3 at 11:30 a.m. Bourbon City Bistro for a luncheon meeting. The local regent is Anne Hamilton.

APRIL

Democratic Woman's Club

The Nelson County Democratic Woman's Club will meet immediately following the Executive Committee meeting which is at 6 p.m. April 2 in the Sheriff's Office. Final plans for the Nelson County Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner at Maywood Country Club, April 13 will be discussed. Other items on the agenda will include the National and State conventions and the Nelson County Precinct Conventions and Caucus. For more information, call



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Nelson Fiscal Court

Nelson Fiscal Court will meet 9 a.m. April 3. Items on the agenda include second reading on budget amendment and bulky item pickup.

Central KY Tea Party

The Central Kentucky Tea Party Patriots will meet 7 p.m. April 3 at the Nolin Rural Building, 411 Ring Road, Elizabethtown. Speaker will be state representative Tim Moore and Graig Scott, candidate for U.S. Congress Second District. Refreshments will be served.

New Haven library spring break events

The New Haven Branch of the Nelson County Public Library will have youth events during spring break. On Tuesdays during spring break, board games will be available 9 a.m.-6 p.m. for tweens and teens. Preschool storytime will continue, as normal, on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. On April 5, the library will host an Elementary Easter program 3-5 p.m. The library will be closed April 12.

Talent show set for April 22

Youth Artist Alliance's Cox's Creek Elementary School is hosting a Talent Share April 22, at Nelson County High School. Showtime is 3 p.m. Admission will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. If you are willing to perform, Cox's Creek Elementary School needs your help to support the school. The first 25 acts will be accepted on a first come basis. Solo entry fee is \$35 and group entry fee is \$50. Entry forms are

available at Cox's Creek School or Farm Credit Services. Deadline to enter is April 16. For questions or more information, email mroller@e-farmcredit.com.

Maundy Thursday service

Five Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations in Marion, Nelson, Taylor and Washington counties are inviting its members and area residents to attend a worship service on Maundy Thursday, April 5. The service of Holy Communion and Tenebrae, an ancient liturgy meaning A Service of Shadows, will be 7:30 p.m. at Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, five miles north of Springfield off Route 555, on Pleasant Grove Loop. Participating in the service will be pastors and elders from the Bardstown Presbyterian Church, the Bethel First Presbyterian Church in Campbellsville, the United Presbyterian Church in Lebanon, the Springfield

Presbyterian Church and the Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, Springfield. For more information on this joint worship service, contact The Rev. David Johnson at (502) 473-8435.

First Baptist Good Friday service

First Baptist Church of Bardstown, 315 N. Second St., will have a Good Friday service 7 p.m. April 6. Speaker will be the Rev. Anthony Middleton, Cable Baptist Church, Louisville.

First Baptist Church revival

First Baptist Church of Bardstown, 315 N. Second St., will have a revival 7 p.m. April 16-18. Evangelists will be the Rev. William Nelson, Monday, the Rev. Henry Nelson, Tuesday and the Rev. George Nelson, Wednesday. Any Wednesday night Bible study groups are welcome to attend. Child care is available each night.

Bark Park community meeting

The Bourbon City Bark Park Committee will have a community meeting for the establishment of an off-leash dog park 6:30 p.m. April 17 in the community room of the Nelson County Library. For information, call Jolene Reynolds at 349-0803.

Master Gardener Scholarship applications now available

High school seniors who

are interested in learning more about agriculture and horticulture are invited to apply for the Master Gardener Scholarship. Applications are due April 15. For more information, call 270-744-2231 or visit www.kyagr.org.

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>> ENGAGEMENT

Edelen, Bright

Nell Bickett, Bardstown, announces the engagement of her daughter, Catherine "Caity" Nell Edelen, to Christopher James Bright, son of Charles Bright, Louisville, and the late Deidra Bright.

The bride-elect is the daughter of the late Steve Edelen. She is a 2005 graduate of Nelson County High School and received a bachelor's degree in health science from Spalding University in 2011. She is currently completing a master's degree in occupational therapy at Spalding University. She is employed by Cato in Louisville.

The groom-elect is a 1999 graduate of Doss High



**CAITY EDELEN
CHRISTOPHER BRIGHT**

School and attended Eastern Kentucky University 2000-2003. He is employed by GFS Distribution, Shepherdsville.

The wedding is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Aug. 11 at My Old Kentucky Home Rotunda, Bardstown. The reception will be at My Old Kentucky Home Great Hall, Bardstown.

Invitations are being sent.

>> BIRTHS

Gies

Eric and Lennea Gies, Cox's Creek, announce the birth of a son, Gage Anthony, March 21, 2012, at Flaget Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Steve and Faye Clayton and

Gerald and Angie Cheser. Paternal grandparents are Tony and Sharon Gies. Great-grandparents are Eugene and Pat Cheser, Mildred Hardin and Theresa Gies.

The baby was welcomed home by a brother, Grant Herndon, 6.

Hagan

Tia and Derrick Hagan, Bardstown, announce the birth of a son, Ethan Robert, March 26, 2012, at Flaget Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21-1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Ruth and Bob Sallee, Bard-

stown. Paternal grandmother is Kyna Ward, Bardstown.

Great-grandparents are Carol and Mort Conder, Bradenton, Fla., and Sue and David Smith, Shepherdsville.

The baby was welcomed home by a brother, Tyler, 4.

Lile

Brandon and Devon Lile, Bardstown, announce the birth of a daughter, Hope Charee, March 25, 2012, at Flaget Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds and was 20-1/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Amy Mumford, Bloomfield, and Barry Coulter, Shelbyville. Paternal grandparents are Sue Lile and Larry Lile, Bardstown. Great-grand-

parents are Doris Lewis and Buddy Lewis, Bloomfield, Anne and Orville Byrd, Mount Washington, and Dale Lile, Louisville.

The baby was welcomed home by a brother, Tyler, 4.



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>> ANNIVERSARY

Graveses celebrate 25 years

Gary and Becky Graves will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary April 4. They were married in 1987 at the Basilica of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral, Bardstown. They are members of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Fredericktown.

Mr. Graves is the son of Leo and Lula Mae Graves, Springfield. Mrs. Graves is the daughter of Linda Richardson, Bardstown, and the late James Richardson.

They have two children, Jessica Miles, Loretto, and Erica Montgomery, Bloomfield.



GARY AND BECKY GRAVES

Just your Standard Vacation



Aruba

Ernie Clark, Tracy Parks, Robin Downs and Tim Downs took the Kentucky Standard to Oranjestad Aruba on March 18, 2012

Bardstown Women's Club announces winners of Student Art Contest

Recently, the Bardstown Women's Club held its annual Student Art Contest. Students from local high schools were invited to enter. More than 50 entries were received. A reception was held in the Students' honor at the Nelson County Public Library Feb. 28. Here are the names of the students, the name of their art, and the prize won. TOP LEFT — Standing (left to right), Sarah Beth Hayden "Wedding Charcoal" — second place pastel and Charcoal Drawing; Olivia Alm "Fruit" — second place Watercolor; Riki Matsui "Marry the Night" — first place Painting Life Forms — BEST OF SHOW- Kelli Robinson — "Edward Hooper Sunset" — first place, Painting on Glass; Kneeling (left to right), Gabby Becker — "Mix Media Dog" — first place Watercolor, Taylor Wallace — "Self Portrait." BOTTOM LEFT — The winners are from left: Noah Beck (NCHS) — Heather Martin (NCHS) — Gabby Becker (Bethlehem) — Olivia Alm (Bethlehem) — Sarah Beth Hayden (Beth) — Taylor Wallace (Bethlehem) — Riki Matsui (Bethlehem) and Kelli Robinson (Bethlehem)



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Lesley Hall & Kyle Volz
JUNE 8, 2012

Nicole Robbins & Jeremy Hill
JUNE 15, 2012

Katie Wright & Jonathan Mattingly
SEPTEMBER 8, 2012

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Baby Girl Lewis
(Kali & Brandon Lewis)
APRIL 4, 2012

Baby Boy Voils
(Alyssa & Michael Voils)
MAY 8, 2012

Baby Girl Greenwell
(Alicia & John Greenwell)
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EDITORIAL

Go make someone's day — no fooling

In case you haven't checked your calendar, today is April Fools' Day. This is a day when pranksters plot to make their victims believe, if for only a short time, followed by a good belly laugh at their expense. It's a day to remind ourselves, not to take things so seriously and enjoy life.

Here at Standard Communications, we love a good prank once in a while to lighten the load of this otherwise serious business.

Last year we had a bit of fun on April Fools' Day by publishing a story about Tom Isaac, PLG-TV News Director, plotting an entire week's broadcast from atop the Old Courthouse in Bardstown's Court Square. We even published a doctored photo of Tom perched atop the Old Courthouse. If you know Tom Isaac at all, first he's afraid of heights and second, he's definitely not fond of pigeons. If you read the article last April Fools' Day, you know at the end of the story there were three little words — April Fools' Day. Some readers got it but others are still asking Tom when he's going to actually do his famous broadcast from the roof top. He doesn't have the heart to tell them it was a prank.

Some other famous national April Fools' Day jokes that have made the headlines include Taco Bell Corporation which took out a full-page ad that appeared in six major newspapers across the U.S. on April 1, 1996, announcing it had bought the Liberty Bell and was renaming it the Taco Liberty Bell. Hundreds of outraged citizens called the National Historic Park in Philadelphia to express their anger. Their nerves were only calmed after Taco Bell revealed, a few hours later, that it was just a practical joke.

Another all time favorite was aired on April 1, 1992, on National Public Radio's Talk of the Nation. Then host John Hockenberry revealed that Richard Nixon, in a surprise move, was running for President again. His new campaign slogan was, "I didn't do anything wrong, and I won't do it again." Accompanying this campaign announcement were audio clips of Nixon delivering his speech. Listeners responded immediately to the announcement, flooding the show with calls expressing shock and outrage. Only during the second half of the show was it revealed that the announcement was a practical joke and Nixon's voice had been impersonated by comedian Rich Little. Remember him?

April Fools' Day is recognized not just in the U.S. but around the world. For instance in Scotland, the day is devoted to spoofs involving the buttocks. In fact, the origins of the famous "Kick Me" sign all of us remember in middle school can be traced back to the Scottish observance of this holiday. In England, jokes are played only in the morning and the victim of a joke is called a "noodle." It's considered bad luck in that country to play a practical joke on someone after noon. In Rome, the holiday is known as Festival of Hilaria. In Portugal, they celebrate by throwing flour at their friends.

So enjoy today and act a little silly. Keep your practical jokes clean and enjoy a good belly laugh with your family and friends to lighten the load.

Editorial board members include:

- Jamie Sizemore, publisher

- Lisa Tolliver, editor

- Tom Isaac, PLG TV-13 news director

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LAST PAPER'S POLL

Q: Should burned out neglected properties be demolished?

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No: 00 percent

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**OUR VIEWS**

Mom and April Fools' Day jokes

"Wake up! Wake up! There are cows in the front yard!"

Hearing this, my brother, sister and I would jump out of bed and head for the upstairs living room. Normally, it was a struggle for Mom to get all of us out of bed at the same time on a school morning. She, almost always, had to return to the basement where our bedrooms were to rustle us out of bed at least a couple of times. But with the promise of seeing cows in the front yard, she didn't have to tell us twice to get up.

It wasn't out of the question that cows could be found in our yard. We shared a property line with a field that usually had a couple cattle in it. But it was rare to see them break free of the fence and find them



LISA TOLLIVER

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munching on the grass in our yard. My brother and I would get a giggle out of it while my sister would be terrified the cows would still be there when we had to catch the bus for school. She was traumatized by a cow chewing on her ponytail when she was little and had never quite felt easy with the slow-chewing creatures ever

since.

But this time when we looked outside, there were no cows. We looked from one side to another, straining our necks to see as far to the left and the right as the window would allow and then eventually ventured outside to the porch to look for the cows that must have just moved to the side yard. Bewildered, we looked back at our mother who had made the cow announcement in the first place.

"April Fools' Day!" she exclaimed, laughing at our shocked and probably mad faces.

She had gotten us again. It wasn't fair actually. Mom always tried to play her April Fools' Day jokes first thing in the morning. We weren't ready for them then, but I guess that was the idea.

I remember April 1 days when we were awakened with the promise of snow days that never happened, pancakes that weren't being cooked and Saturday "school days" that were not really school days. We must have been the dumbest children around because we fell for them every time. As we got older, we tried to trick her. I faked Fs on tests, sickness and even injuries only to be called out for my pranks before I even finished my crocodile tears. I was never able to get her so I just stopped trying and instead used the skills I learned from her to trick others.

If you can't beat them, join them I guess.

Happy April Fools' Day everyone, may your pranks be epic and your laughs be hearty.

We are one with all creation

Recently I came upon a reflection about creation, our whole universe, that noted we are made of the same materials as the stars.

In my heart of hearts, I am not sure about that, but verifying it is a major project for our scientists.

As it is, all creation here on Planet Earth is comprised of currently 118 elements. Wikipedia tells us that 98 of them occur naturally. Eighty are stable, others are radioactive and evolve ("decay") over extremely long or short times, and others are human made from various nuclear reactions. Clearly all this is a work in progress. Whether there are yet others to be made from these reactions or not, it all started out in our universe somewhere.

A recently released documentary, Journey of the Universe, summarizes what scientists currently know about the history of our universe, its multitudinous (as in billions) of galaxies and solar systems. As I try to take in all that, my key thought: 'God is a whole lot smarter than I have been realizing...' To have started



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creation with its ability to evolve — awesome! That seems to me to be an even harder task that making each thing — granted the great volume that such involves!

What it does evoke in me is further reflection that all of us are one in some fundamental though not identical way. This is true whether we are human, animal, mineral or plant. Humans have a special pride of place in all this, but in the end humans are quite dependent on the well being of all the rest in creation here. Of course there is a whole line of reflection and concern about the state of the rest of creation and what humans

can do to make it all better.

A very heartening insight came recently from Fr. Gary Young, CR, in his new book of very concise reflections, Cactus Spirituality — Pater Hilarion (2011, P 27. ISBN 978-1-105-24642-5).

"[Abbott] Hilarion overheard a pious visitor remark to another that monks have fled the world. Hilarion interrupted him and corrected him: "No, we have not left the world. We have stayed to protect it from those who have forgotten it was, at first, a beautiful garden. With our witness of praise and tillage and hospitality, we demonstrate our love for the world."

There is also another line of thought about the state of our human community. We clearly have a basis for great communion — all of us are made of the same stuff. This is true no matter where we live, what we do/do not know, how old we are, how wise or not so wise we are. Our age, ethnic group, race, gender, sexual orientation, political party or philosophy of society — all are undergirded by this deep communion of being made from the same 98 elements.

With all our disregard and forgetfulness, that image comes to mind of God scratching the divine Godhead and noting, 'I created those human persons...? Why don't they get along better? And why do they so easily trash beautiful Earth?'

Why indeed don't we focus more on our communion? Would such be helpful as we go about resolving conflicts — whether international or interpersonal? Political or economic? Would our focus on communion move us to take better care of ourselves? Of one another? Of Nelson County, Ky., our beloved United States? Earth? To just appreciate everything more — that we are at once one yet unique, often fascinatingly (and sometimes frustratingly) so?

Would we talk to and about one another differently? Would we be more light-hearted? Relaxed? Happy? Peaceful? Would we appreciate and admire our Higher Power, God, more?



JUDGE ANTHONY KENNEDY



>> READERS' VIEWS

Don't lump all fathers into one category

To the editor:

In response to Mrs. Brothers' opinion column in Wednesday's paper, I would agree with 90 percent of what she said.

However, her generalization that children who under-achieve and learn that it is easier to take what you can get for free rather than working for a living come from a home without parental support from the father is severely prejudiced.

What she did not touch on that has also changed since her mother graduated from Bardstown High School is that divorce has become a weapon in the forming of these young people. There are many men such as myself, good people and good fathers, who are denied any participation in our children's learning process by the birth mothers. Often, the mothers' main interest is to maintain custody so they receive

child support and can control the situation. That being said, I loathe and detest any father who — given the opportunity — does not rise to the responsibility of raising his children and making sure that they learn to be productive members of society.

I ask Mrs. Brothers and others in similar positions to remember not to lump all fathers together because of what you see, or think you see, is happening in a child's home. There is a lot that happens on the legal side of a divorce and custody rulings that can adversely affect children and leave fathers powerless. That is another area that needs serious change but I will probably never live to see it because no one is ever going to get elected touting that he is going to make sure fathers have the opportunity to spend time with their children.

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>> NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you United Way of Nelson County

To the editor:

The Nelson County Community Clinic began a little more than five years ago, serving the working, uninsured, low income residents of Nelson County and has grown to more than 850 patients. The support from this community is the reason for its success.

The United Way of Nelson County has truly partnered with the clinic to ensure the mission of providing health, dental, pharmaceutical and vision care to the many residents who simply cannot afford these basic services. The embrace from our community to support this mission is humbling to me, the volunteer Board of Directors and our patients. I have witnessed first hand the many lives we have touched through the services of this clinic.

There have been many grateful tears from patients who have gone without care for most of their lives and now are stabilized medically

and leading a healthy, productive life. This would not have been possible without the generous annual support of the United Way of Nelson County.

I believe in the philosophy of the United Way of Nelson County because it is much like our mission: people coming together to provide a service to those less fortunate in our community. I appreciate that United Way volunteer representatives tour our facility, review our expenditures and see first hand the quality of service that you enable us to provide with your annual allocations. On behalf of the patients, volunteer Board of Directors and staff, I applaud your service and thank you for your generous and thoughtful grant allocations to the Nelson County Community Clinic, one of our community's greatest assets.

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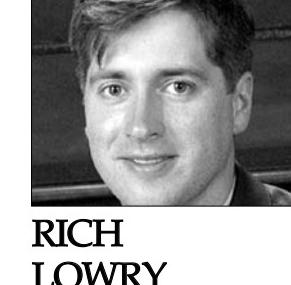
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The murders that don't count

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featured on all the national TV shows.

In January, 12-year-old Kade'jah Davis was shot and killed when, allegedly, 19-year-old Joshua Brown showed up at her Detroit house to demand the return of a cellphone from Davis' mother. When Brown didn't get the phone, he fired shots through the front door. No one held high-profile street protests to denounce gunplay over such trifles.

Everything about the Trayvon Martin case is a matter of contention. About this, though, there should be no doubt: If Martin had been shot by a black classmate, if he had been caught in a random crossfire, if he had looked at a gang member the wrong way, his death would have been relegated to the

back pages of the local newspaper. Not a cause, not even a curiosity: Just another dead young black man. Nothing to see here. Please, move on.

Jesse Jackson is right that "blacks are under attack." According to a 2005 FBI report, blacks accounted for 13 percent of the population and 49 percent of all homicide victims. In 93 percent of the cases, the killer was black. Half of the victims were ages 17 to 29. That works out to 4,000 murders of young blacks in one year, overwhelmingly at the hands of other blacks. In the communities where these killings occur there is, to put it in Jackson's inimitable terms, no justice and no peace.

There is no comparable epidemic of half-Hispanic neighborhood-watch volunteers like George Zimmerman shooting young black men. Nor is there an epidemic of cops doing the same. Heather Mac Donald of the Manhattan Institute notes that in New York City, there were nine civilian victims of police gunfire last year, whereas there were "several hundred black homicide victims in the city, almost all shot by other blacks or Hispanics, none of them

given substantial press coverage."

An allegedly racially motivated killing, though, gins up the outrage machine in a way the routine murder of young blacks doesn't. Cable-TV outlets get to host fiery debates. Chin-stroking commentators get to urge more "dialogue." Black leaders get to relive the glory of a civil-rights cause that won its major victories decades ago when it took real courage to be on the front lines. And everybody gets to evade the intraracial mayhem that blights the country's inner cities.

An injustice may well have been done in the handling of the Martin shooting, but let's not fool ourselves. Zimmerman could be arrested, convicted and hanged tomorrow, and it will have no effect on the lives of young black people in communities beset by social disorder. Whatever happens to Zimmerman, the drip-drip of spilled blood will continue, all but ignored except in the police blotter. In America, the lives of young black people are cheap, unless they happen to fit the right agenda.

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Stronger prescription for what ails health care

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In arguments before the Supreme Court this week, the Obama administration might have done just enough to keep the Affordable Care Act from being ruled unconstitutional. Those who believe in limited government had better hope so, at least.

If Obamacare is struck down, the short-term implications are uncertain. Conservatives may be buoyed by an election-year victory; progressives may be energized by a ruling that looks more political than substantive. The long-term consequences, however, are obvious: Sooner or later, a much more far-reaching overhaul of the health-care system will be inevitable.

To say the least, the three days of oral argument before the high court did not unfold the way many experts had expected. Confident predictions that the administration would prevail by a lopsided margin became inoperative as soon as the justices began pummeling Solicitor General Donald Verrilli with pointed questions.

At one point Wednesday, as the barrage was winding down, Chief Justice John Roberts told Verrilli he could have an extra 15 minutes to argue a point. Verrilli replied, "Lucky me."

In the end, however, Verrilli gave the skeptical justices what they were looking for: a limiting principle that allows them, should they choose, to defer to Congress and uphold the law.

At the heart of the legislation is the requirement that individuals purchase health insurance or pay a fine. It became clear by their questioning that the court's five conservatives — including Justice Anthony Kennedy, the swing vote who sometimes crosses the ideological divide and votes with the liberals —

see this mandate as a significant expansion of the federal government's reach and authority.

Verrilli argued that the mandate is permissible under the clause of the Constitution giving the government the power to regulate interstate commerce. Justices demanded a limiting principle: Where does this authority end? If the government can compel a citizen to buy health insurance, why can't it compel the purchase of other things?

Justice Antonin Scalia

raised the specter of an all-powerful government that could even "make people buy broccoli" if it wished. Scalia's mind seemed to be made up, but Kennedy seemed to be genuinely

looking for a principle that permitted a health insurance mandate but not a broccoli mandate.

And Verrilli gave him one. The market for health insurance is inseparable from the market for health care, he argued, and every citizen is a consumer of health care. Those who choose not to buy health insurance require health care anyway — often expensive care at hospital emergency rooms — and these costs are borne by the rest of us in the form of higher premiums.

I think Verrilli made his case. The court is supposed to begin with the assumption that laws passed by Congress are constitutional. Justices don't have to like the Affordable Care Act in order to decide that it should remain in effect. If some members of the court think they could do better, maybe they should quit and run for legislative office.

But it's going to be a close call. What if they strike down the law?

The immediate impact will be the human toll. More than 30 million uninsured Americans who would have obtained coverage under Obamacare will be bereft. Other provisions of the law, such as forbidding insurance companies to deny coverage based on preexisting conditions and allowing young adults to remain on their parents' policies, presumably would also be invalidated; if not, they would have to be modified to keep insurance rates from climbing sharply. The

United States would remain the only wealthy industrialized country where getting sick can mean going bankrupt.

Eventually, however, our health-care system will be restructured. It has to be. The current fee-for-service paradigm, with doctors and hospitals being paid through for-profit insurance companies, is needlessly inefficient and ruinously expensive.

When people talk about out-of-control government spending, they're really talking about rising medical costs that far outpace any conceivable rate of economic growth. The conservative solution — shift those costs to the consumer — is no solution at all.

Our only choice is to try to hold the costs down. President Obama tried to make a start with a modest approach that works through the current system.

If this doesn't pass constitutional muster, the obvious alternative is to emulate other industrialized nations that deliver equal or better health-care outcomes for half the cost.

I'm talking about a single-payer health-care system. If the Supreme Court strikes down Obamacare, a single-payer system will go from being politically impossible to being, in the long run, fiscally inevitable.

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BASEBALL

Eagles top Cardinals in district tilt, 4-1

Nelson to appear on national ESPN3 game

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Nelson County may have outhit host Bethlehem 6-5 Friday in their 19th District matchup, but the Eagles made the most of their chances in a 4-1 win to improve to 1-1 in district play.

The Eagles (5-4, 1-1 dist.) pushed across a run in the third to grab an early lead, but the Cardinals (2-4, 1-1) tied it back up in the fifth when Spencer Sharpe, who had two hits in the game, scored on a throwing error. Bethlehem responded, however, with two runs in the fifth and another in the sixth



LORI HAINES/Contributing Photographer

Nelson County's Paden Vernon puts the tag on Bethlehem's Shane Beisler on a steal attempt Friday. The Eagles got the final say, however, picking up the 4-1 win behind hurler Andrew Clark.

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SOFTBALL



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Bardstown catcher Tori Beatty puts the tag on Bethlehem's Mollie Simms to end the first inning Friday. The damage had already been done, however, as the Banshees batted around in a seven-run first on the way to a 14-3 win.

TRACK AND FIELD



PETER W. ZUBATY/The Kentucky Standard

Bardstown's Brandon Price (center) was first in the 1600 and runner-up in the 800 at the Tigers' All-Comers meet Thursday. Price is trailed by teammate Josh Ceasar.

Tiger boys, girls win meet

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Bardstown scored wins by its boys' and girls' squads in the Tigers' season-opening home meet Thursday, with junior Victoria Yocum leading the charge with a clean sweep of the girls' sprint events.

Yocum had a relatively easy time in her events, capturing the 100-meter dash in 12.66, besting Nelson County sophomore Brianna Harmon's 13.04 runner-up mark. In the 200, Yocum's 26.03 smashed the field by almost two full seconds, and was just two-tenths of a second shy of the school record.

In the 400 — the event Yocum won a state championship in as an eighth-grader — she covered the course in 1:01.74 to top classmate Karis Rogers by almost three full seconds.

Overall, the Tiger girls gathered 199 points in the eight-

TENNIS

Cards, Tigers split match

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Nelson County and Bardstown split rival tennis matches Thursday, with the Cardinals picking up the 3-2 win on the boys' side and the Tigers taking the girls win, 4-1.

In boys' play, Clayton Brooks and Austin Cheney got singles wins for Bardstown. Nelson County picked up the decisive match wins, however, with Derek Roby grabbing a win in the No. 3 singles match. Jackson Thompson and Tanner

Stallings won in No. 1 doubles for the Cardinals, and Mack Peterson and David Chan victorious in No. 2 doubles.

In girls' play, the Cardinals' Savannah Wimsatt won 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 over the Tigers' Emalea Bischoff in a tight match for No. 1 girls' singles.

The rest of the day belonged to Bardstown, however, with Hannah Welch and Selena Spencer getting the wins in No. 2 and No. 3 singles. Riley Smith and Anna Jones teamed up for a win in No. 1 doubles, while Rebekah Pate and Nettie Finn took the No. 2 doubles match.

ST. CATHARINE COLLEGE GOLF

Patriots take second in Brescia tournament

TOM BYSTREK
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Oftentimes a 294 total will be low enough to win a college golf tournament. But last Friday the St. Catharine College Patriots found themselves in second place with that 294 total at the Brescia University invitational held at My Old Kentucky Home Golf Course in Bardstown.

St. Catharine, however, did get a first place in the individual competition as junior Nick Patterson, Harrodsburg, earned medalist honors with a three-under par 68.

Brescia won the team competition with a 288.

"I feel good any time we can shoot

under 300," Patriot coach Joan Rizer said. "We can be competitive in most tournaments with that kind of score."

Patterson started on the back nine and was one under par at the turn. He was two under on the front nine, helped by good putting and accurate approach shots.

"I had 27 putts on the day," said Patterson, who has shot as low as 66 on the Bardstown course. "I hit seven fairways and 14 greens. A couple of drives got away from me but overall I hit the ball well."

Following Patterson's 68 was Adam

Nolte with a 74. Josh Edwards had a 75 while Aaron Darby and Todd Bruington

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>> SCORES AND SCHEDULE

Scores Baseball

Monday
LaRue Co. 5, Bardstown 1
Bethlehem 9, Bullitt Cent. 0
Central Hardin 9, Nelson Co. 2

Tuesday
Nelson Co. 4, Bardstown 1

5th Region All A Classic
Washington Co. 8, Bethlehem 4

Thursday
Bethlehem 9, Portland Christian 1

Friday
Washington Co. 7, Bardstown 3
Bethlehem 4, Nelson Co. 1

Saturday
Model at Bethlehem DH

Softball

Monday
Bethlehem 11, North Bullitt 8
Central Hardin 14, Nelson Co. 0

Tuesday
Nelson Co. 14, Bethlehem 12

Thursday
Elizabethtown 12, Nelson Co. 1
Marion Co. 10, Bethlehem 1

5th Region All A Classic
Caverna 16, Bardstown 1

Friday
Bethlehem 14, Bardstown 3
Lex. Catholic 12, Nelson Co. 1

Saturday
Nelson Co. v. Garrard Co.
Nelson Co. at Bullitt East

Schedule Baseball

Sunday
Disney 2012 Spring Break
Nelson Co. v. TBA

Monday
Marion Co. at Bethlehem
Nelson Co. at Waggener

Disney 2012 Spring Break
Nelson Co. v. TBA

Tuesday
Bethlehem at LaRue Co.

Disney 2012 Spring Break
Nelson Co. v. TBA

Thursday
Disney 2012 Spring Break
Nelson Co. v. St. Vincent, Pa.

Friday
Tampa Bay Spring Training Classic
Bardstown v. Southwestern

Disney 2012 Spring Break
Nelson Co. v. TBA

Saturday
Adair Co. at Bethlehem

Tampa Bay Spring Training Classic
Bardstown v. Yorktown, NY DH

Disney 2012 Spring Break
Nelson Co. v. TBA

Softball

Monday
Bardstown at Fairdale

Tuesday
Bardstown at Western

Wednesday
Bethlehem at Southern

Thursday
Bardstown at Eminence

Track and Field

Monday
Elizabethtown All-Comers

Tennis

Friday
Bardstown at Washington Co.
Nelson Co. at Central Hardin

Tuesday
Bethlehem at Fort Knox

>> SPORTS NOTES

KHSAA HOF

induction ceremony

Libby Burr, former cheerleading and track coach at Bardstown High School, will be inducted into the Dawaihah/KHSAA Hall of Fame at a ceremony April 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lexington Convention Center. Those interested in attending the ceremony should contact Gale Rogers at Bardstown High School at 331-8802 by Tuesday for more information.

Youth league signups

The city of New Haven is taking signups for the 2012 Summer Recreation Ball Leagues. Pick up a form at the City Hall. Ages 3-12 are eligible to participate. The

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PETER W. ZUBATY/The Kentucky Standard

Nelson County's Brianna Harmon won the 100-meter hurdles Thursday at the Bardstown All-Comers meet, and was second in the 100-meter dash.

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team meet, outdistancing runner-up Elizabethtown's 142 points. Nelson County was third with 113, while Bethlehem was seventh with six points.

In boys' competition, Bardstown's 159 1/2 points held off North Bullitt's 134 in second. Nelson County was fourth with 113, just a point behind third-place Elizabethtown. Bethlehem was seventh with nine points.

The Bardstown boys picked up wins in five

events, including sophomore Brandon Price's winning 4:36.14 time in the 1600-meter run. Price nearly made it a trifecta, anchoring the winning 4x800 relay squad but falling just .34 shy of North Bullitt's Micheal Dowell in the 800.

The Tiger boys also got wins from Dallion Goldring in the 300 hurdles and Ben Beam in the pole vault. Justin Hubbard captured the high jump for Bardstown, edging out runner-up Trey White of Nelson County.

White had a standout meet as well, winning the long jump (19-05) and triple jump (40-00).

Overall, Bardstown's girls

grabbed wins in eight events, including the 4x200 and 4x400 relays. Hanna Gootee edged teammate Allison Leachman to win the high jump, and Sydney Pohlman captured the triple jump. Caprisha Green crushed the field in the discus with a 90-05 toss, and was runner-up in the shot put.

Nelson County's Daniella Godenzi won the 3200 by nearly 40 seconds, and Harmon picked up a first in the 100 hurdles.

Local teams are in action Monday in the Elizabethtown All-Comers meet.

» Top

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for the win.

Brooks Duncan doubled and drove in a run for the Eagles, who also got RBIs from Connor Ballard and Zack Smith. Collin Crawford and John Riney also got doubles for Bethlehem, which hosted Sayre for a Saturday doubleheader after press time.

Andrew Clark tossed five innings for the win, and Jimmy Keating got the save.

Dylan Beasley took the loss for the Cardinals, who are in Orlando this week at the Disney 2012 Spring Break event.

One of the Cardinals' games will have a bigger-than-normal audience, even for a home game. Nelson County's game Thursday against St. Vincent, Pa., was randomly selected to be aired nationally on the Internet on ESPN3, which is available locally through Bardstown Cable Internet.

"It's a great opportunity — a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity probably — for

all of us," Cardinal coach David Sparrow said. "We're not a nationally-ranked team that gets a lot of notoriety. It's exciting."

Sparrow said he's not sure how he or his players will handle the nerves that come with the national spotlight.

"You never know how anybody's going to react," he said.

Sparrow said Buffalo Wings and Rings in Bardstown will also be airing the game, should fans be looking for a place to gather and watch.

» Banshees

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nine hits and took advantage of a few Tiger fielding miscues, adding four runs in the second and three more in the third. Smith said his squad played a much cleaner game than Tuesday against Nelson

County, when the Cardinals came from behind for a 14-12 win by scoring five runs in an error-plagued sixth inning for Bethlehem.

"We really challenged our defense after a couple poor performances to get better and more confident in that part of our game," he said.

The Banshees are off until a visit to Southern on

Wednesday. By that time, Smith said, starter Ashley Conover, who hurt her knee against Nelson County, should be back in the lineup.

With the win, the Banshees improved to 1-1 in district play, while the Tigers dropped to 0-1.

Bardstown (0-4 overall) visits Fairdale Monday and Western on Tuesday.

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each carded a 77.

The St. Catharine "B" team also turned in a good performance with a 328 total. Matt bloom led the way with a 75. Joey Reed shot a 79 and Trent Lucas and Chaz Bowen had an 80 and 94 respectively.

Brescia also won the women's portion of the tournament, as its 361 total was best among the four-

team field. St. Catharine was fourth at 392. The top four players for the Patriots, Ashley Pugh, Julie Clark, Jordan Graham and Jessica Shelton, each shot a 98. Kelsey Lyvers had a 102. Graham is a Bardstown High School product, while Lyvers played at Nelson County.

The Patriots' next tournament is April 2-3 at the Meadow View Golf Course in Kingsport, Tenn. That is a Mid-South Conference tournament hosted by

UVA-Wise.

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Men
Brescia – 288
St. Catharine – 294
IU-East – 308
Asbury – 313
Brescia B – 319
St. Catharine B – 328

Women
Brescia – 361
Asbury – 382
Ky. Wesleyan – 367
St. Catharine – 392

registration is \$35 and walkup registration is \$40. Campers will get lunch each day and a T-shirt. Call 331-8802 for more questions.

Got an announcement? E-mail them to the Sports Desk at pzubaty@kystandard.com

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deadline is May 1. Call 549-3177 with questions.

Tiger Camp 2012

Bardstown High School is hosting its 2012 Tiger

Camp for all sports April 2-4 at the school. Kids in grades K-7 can sign up for camp sessions in as many as three different sports, including basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, football, soccer, softball, bowling, golf and baseball. Hours are 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. with early dropoff available at the gym at 8 a.m. Early

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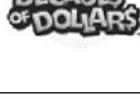
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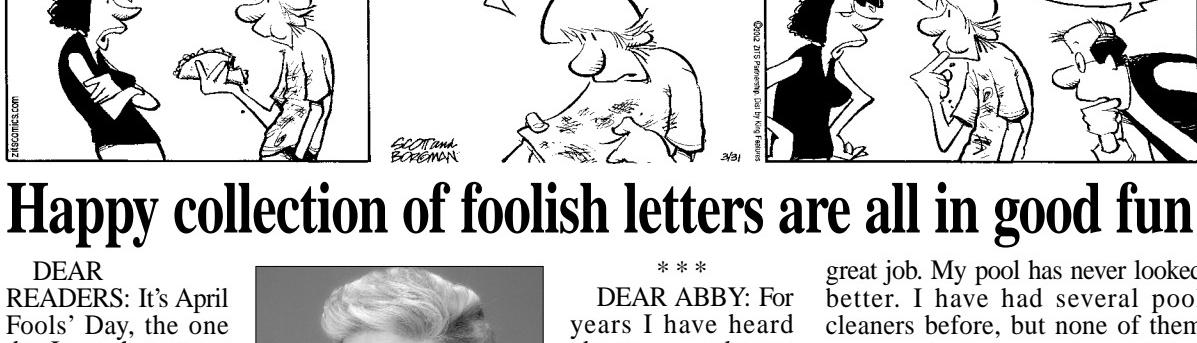
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Happy collection of foolish letters are all in good fun

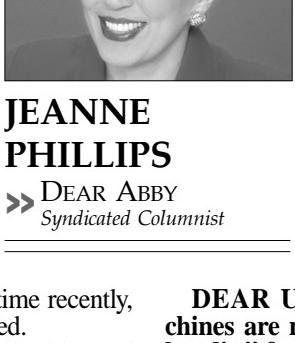
DEAR READERS: It's April Fools' Day, the one day I can share some of those letters I receive from readers whose questions might not seem as appropriate on any of the other 364 days of the year (or 365 this leap year). Enjoy!

DEAR ABBY: I am a 23-year-old female who lives with my parents. I saw "The Little Mermaid" for the first time recently, and now I'm very worried.

The other day I walked in and caught my mom talking to my pet fish, Flounder. I have noticed Mom breaks into Broadway-style songs randomly, just like Ariel did in the movie. She also has the same red hair as Ariel. Mom is a lifeguard at the local pool.

Could my mom be part fish? If so, am I half-mermaid? I will await your reply before attempting underwater breathing. Please answer promptly.

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JEANNE PHILLIPS

>> DEAR ABBY
Syndicated Columnist

DEAR ABBY: For years I have heard about players winning thousands of dollars on casino slot machines. But every time I try to win one, I run out of cash before hitting it. How can I win a jackpot before I go broke? Hurry your answer because my money is running out.

UNLUCKY IN JERSEY

DEAR UNLUCKY: Slot machines are not called "one-armed bandits" for nothing. While I can't advise you on how to win a jackpot, I can tell you how not to go broke. Try this: DON'T GAMBLE!

DEAR ABBY: At what time does "today" turn into "tonight"?

CLOCK WATCHER
IN UTAH

DEAR CLOCK WATCHER:
Ask me tomorrow.

DEAR ABBY: I have an amazing pool man. I have known him for quite a while. My neighbors have been complaining because he likes to work naked. His working in the buff never bothers me; I think he looks like a Greek statue and he does a

great job. My pool has never looked better. I have had several pool cleaners before, but none of them compare to the current one. What should I do?

CALIFORNIA GIRL

DEAR CALIFORNIA GIRL: Although I don't live nearby, it's not hard to see why no other pool cleaner compares to this one. Assuming your pool is fenced, I'm advising you to do nothing "but" enjoy the view.

DEAR ABBY: Why does our society insist on using the euphemism "sleeping together" in place of "having sex"?

CURIOS

IN KETTERING, OHIO

DEAR CURIOUS: That's easy — so the children won't know from where they came.

DEAR ABBY: I was awakened at 3 a.m. by a barking police dog while someone was being arrested on my front lawn. This morning I discovered the dog had pooped on my grass. I'm considering complaining to the police about it, but don't want to seem ungrateful for the job they do. What do you think?

LISA

IN ANAHEIM, CALIF.

DEAR LISA: I think you should be more tolerant. After all, the police dog was just doing his duty.

>> HOROSCOPES

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Do what you feel is important, and take some much-desired free time. Be spontaneous when making plans later today. You will enjoy the element of surprise, as will others. Consider what a special person might enjoy most. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

★★★ As you rub your eyes to clear out what the Sandman left behind, you realize that you want to have a lazy day. On some level, you might judge this desire as being frivolous. You actually might need a time-out from your normal activities. Tonight: Order in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You have a way with words and a distinct style. You can be verbal and witty, but make sure you also incorporate affection and caring into your agenda. Just hanging out with a loved one and/or family member suits you fine, but you also might want to squeeze in a movie together. Tonight: Read and relax.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Be aware of how much you are spending. Your caring counts far more than you know, yet you hold back. Do not take others' words so personally. Comments often have more to do with the individual uttering the words than with the receiver. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You attract many people, but it would be helpful for them to know what you want. You could be surprised at news from a foreigner or about a trip. Get past your immediate reaction. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You need to handle a situation differently. Curb a tendency to be reactive, and try to speak after you have processed your feelings.

Others will respond well if you

become less reactive. Avoid the blame game. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Some Sundays are quieter than others. Forget solitude. Walk out the door and join friends. Whether on the putting green or watching a ballgame, you'll enjoy the sense of camaraderie. Tonight: Eat out and go to a movie.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Visit with family or an older friend. You want to be there and express your caring in a responsible manner. You might not believe how fulfilled you become as a result of this interaction. Know what works for you. Tonight: A late dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Ask for the answer to a question you keep wondering about. Do not let situations develop where there is an element of risk or misunderstanding. Be positive. Don't take unnecessary risks. Tonight: Let your imagination show its preference.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Make time for your sweetie or a special person. Plan a fun day for just the two of you. Somehow you'll feel as if you are two naughty kids together. Recharge your batteries while you gain a different perspective about your life. Tonight: Don't think about tomorrow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Others come forward as you have rarely experienced. You might be surprised by what some people say and do. Be open. Choose the invitation that is most adventuresome. Relax, and allow someone else to take the lead.

Tonight: Pretend it is Friday night.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

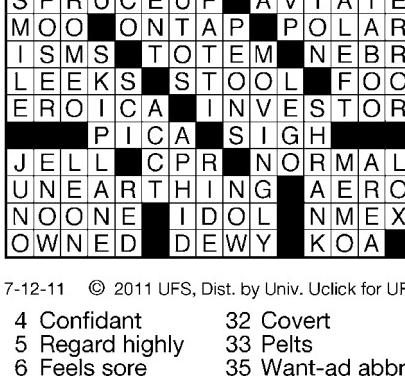
★★★ Accept someone's offer of help and loosen up your reins on a project. Others like being able to express who they are through this project. You need some time off from the very hectic and demanding pace. Tonight: Enjoy being taken care of.

>> CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Now!
- 5 Soften
- 9 Comics Pinhead
- 14 Wrist bone
- 15 One from Dundee
- 16 Novelist Zola
- 17 Stone Age period
- 19 French clerics
- 20 Danson of "Cheers"
- 21 Wolf's expression
- 22 Strange
- 23 Genus members
- 25 Shapeless mass
- 26 Loud thud
- 27 Cat breed
- 30 Gawked at
- 33 Georgetown athletes
- 34 Work in the garden
- 36 Waterfall sound
- 37 Hoosier poet
- 38 Bamboo stalk
- 39 Chiang — shek
- 40 Hot-tub wood
- 41 Why? (2 wds.)
- 42 Kind of park
- 44 Uncle or granddad
- 45 Pate de foie —
- 46 Lama, usually
- 50 Compassion
- 52 Ricky Ricardo
- 53 Insurance gp.
- 54 Desert transport
- 55 Horrific
- 57 "Justine" star
- 58 Nautical position
- 59 Otherwise
- 60 Fabulous time
- 61 Guinea pigs, maybe
- 62 Must-have

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED



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4 Confidant

32 Covert

5 Regard highly

33 Pelts

6 Feels sore

35 Want-ad abbr.

7 Paris evening

37 Deliver a message

8 Common abbr.

38 Ice-cream treat

9 Fanatics

40 Wreath

10 Drink

of flowers

11 Mocking

comment

12 Campbell of country music

41 Custom

13 Be my guest!

43 Thinks the same

18 Old war story

44 Overlooks

22 Believe

46 Core principle

24 Driver with a handle

47 Our fulcrum

25 Aspirin brand

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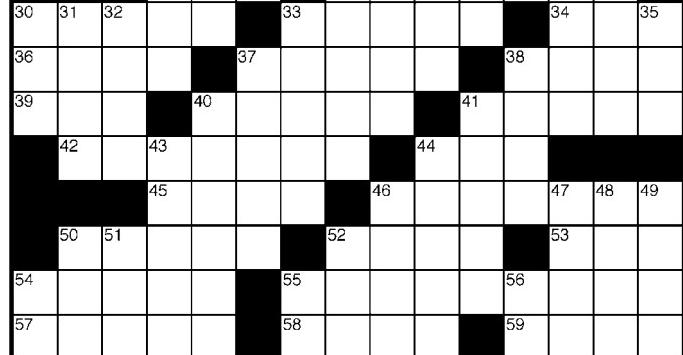
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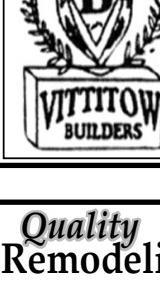
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>> Drivers

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"We know that we still are going to have some inequities. Some routes are longer," Hockensmith said, adding that it would be hard to ever ensure that all drivers drive the same amount of time.

"And we are paying the drivers for the hours they're working?" asked board member Frank Hall.

Hockensmith said some preschool hours will be cut, but that's because drivers were being paid for more time than they were working.

For instance, some drivers were paid for an extra hour in the morning for driving students to the Nelson County Early Learning Center — a pay policy implemented this year when the school opened. However, according to Hockensmith, drivers were still able to fit in the preschool drop-off without going over their four-hour allotment.

"We wanted to make sure that we compensated people, but now that we see how that works, we were overcompensating people," Sanders said. Hockensmith estimated the savings at \$26,269.

Midday preschool pickup and drop-off pay would be reduced from two additional hours to one, saving an estimated \$71,306. While a few midday drivers may drive more than one hour, that time will be compensated during their afternoon and morning hours paid, Sanders said.

An extra afternoon hour for bus monitors would also be eliminated at an estimated savings of \$6,325. Fuel savings from dropping six bus routes is estimated at \$56,150, Hockensmith said. Cutting six routes would also save approximately \$86,229 in salaries.

"We're paying them the minute they step on the bus, right?" Hall asked, referring to a bus driver concern that they wouldn't be paid for driving to their first stop or after leaving their last stop.

According to Sanders, how drivers are paid based on their hours wouldn't

change under the new plan.

"One of the things that we have to remember — there are drivers that keep buses at their homes. The law says that we pay them differently than if they drive into the garage and get their bus there," Orr said.

Under the proposal, every driver would be paid for 35 minutes a day to inspect the bus, and those drivers who pick up their buses at the bus garage would be allotted an additional 30 minutes to get to and from the beginning and end of their routes. However, according to Orr, the wage and hour office in Louisville has told the district that section 785.35 of the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations applies to bus drivers. That code states that normal travel time to and from work is not work time.

Orr said the district made an attempt to tailor individual drivers' bus routes.

"They went in person by person knowing where those buses are kept. They built in sufficient time for them to get their first kid," he said.

Orr said other cost savings may be found when buses travel roads which are less than seven-tenths of a mile long, which according to board policy buses should not do except where safety is concerned. Orr suggested a bus could go halfway down such a road and pick up all children in one location, instead of starting and stopping at each house, to save fuel costs.

Board Chair Damon Jackey asked whether some students who live within a short distance of their schools could be asked to walk instead of taking the bus. Sanders said he wasn't aware of any policy the board has on that issue.

"That's a different topic but that's one that I'd like to address, especially at Bloomfield with the Blazer Heights subdivision and [they're] adding that sidewalk," which runs between the subdivision and the school, Sanders said.

The district may also consider asking drivers who work in other areas of the district to make up for unused driver time in their other work, Hockensmith

said.

Board member Nicky Rapier asked whether the board could return a year from now to determine how much the district actually saved if the proposal is passed at the April board meeting.

Construction news

As several district construction projects wrap up, board members said they were pleased that much of the required contingency money was left over for each of these projects, and said using some contingency was necessary to make conscientious choices for the long term.

For the Foster Heights Elementary renovation phase two, about \$118,000 of contingency will remain, or 88 percent, according to Orr. About 67 percent, or \$76,000, of the Nelson County Early Learning Center's contingency remains.

"The contingency monies that we have left over from these projects will be rolled over into the work that we do for Thomas Nelson," Orr said.

More change orders are likely in order for TNHS phase one, which has about 71 percent of contingency remaining, or \$630,000. Phase two is not so far along, with its contingency balance standing at \$334,000, or 141 percent of the original contingency. Orr attributed that to some cost-saving measures on behalf of employees and the board.

The board also reviewed several change orders likely to come up in April's school board meeting. These include the purchase of extra letters for the sign at Thomas Nelson High School. They were originally purchased to read Nelson County West Campus, before the school was renamed, according to Orr.

Other change orders included the addition of a volleyball sleeve and shadow lines at TNHS, and moving the TNHS football scoreboard, which was placed in the end zone where it might be struck by a football. That project ended up saving the district money, Sanders said. Not putting a



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Nelson County School Board members Nicky Rapier, left, and Adam Wheatley review the remaining contingency funds from several district construction projects at Thursday's work session.

play clock on that scoreboard would contribute to that savings.

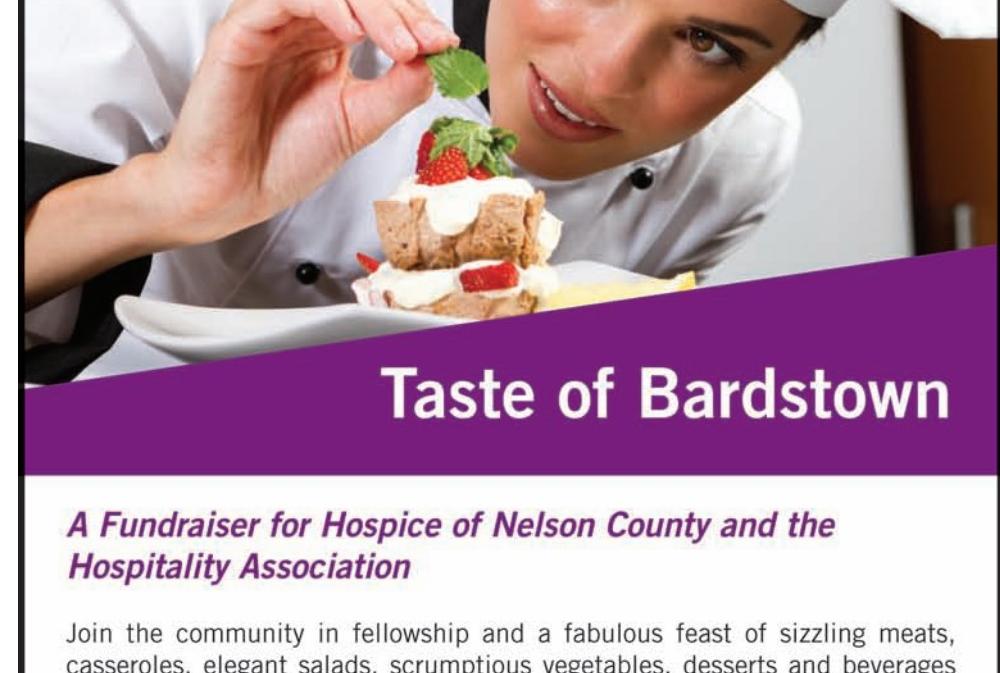
In other news:

- At the April 17 board meeting, the district intends to propose May 31 for the last day of school and 6 p.m. June 1 for graduation.

- Charlotte Lewis, director of school nutrition, will propose raising lunch prices

25 cents next year to \$1.75 for elementary students and \$2 for middle and high school students. The increase is an attempt to comply with a 2010 federal regulation, she said. Breakfast prices would stay the same under her proposal.

- Cheryl Pile, director of special education, 504 and preschool, said she will ask

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the board to approve 165 days of preschool next year compared to 156 this year. She will also ask to continue five-day preschool, an increase this year from four days when preschools were scattered throughout district schools.

• Hockensmith said he will likely ask the district to sell \$4,500 of stock bought by the high school DECA club years ago. "It is worth a whole lot more than when they bought it," he said.

• Executive Director of Instruction Mark Thomas introduced the first reading of a policy change to increase the number of credits high school students are required to have to graduate.

Twenty-two credits are currently required, but the plan would raise that number gradually until it reaches 25 in 2015-2016. More credits are possible because the high schools will operate on a seven-period day next year, Thomas explained. Nelson County High School currently has a six-period day.

>> Meth

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sible meth lab around 2 a.m. Tuesday, and Riley arrived at 520 Timber Trail about 2:19 a.m., where he reportedly found about five or six people sitting around a bonfire.

"I noticed that one of the females when I pulled into the driveway took off and walked off behind a shed that was on the property, and was back there for just a few seconds and walked back," Riley said. "I could smell something, a strong odor or something, but I couldn't determine what it was."

Riley said he asked the woman why she went behind the shed and she allegedly said she was looking for a cat. So Riley went behind the shed and allegedly discovered the remains of a

one-step meth lab, which utilizes a two-liter bottle, and some methamphetamine precursors.

While he was behind the shed, Riley said he spotted a white male in black clothing through a window of the shed.

"At that time I entered the shed and found the three suspects I took in custody later," Riley said. "They were all tucked together in a corner, hiding in the shed."

Two men who had been around the bonfire allegedly fled the scene on foot while Riley was inside the shed. Riley, the only deputy on scene, handcuffed the three men found hiding.

Dep. Mike Clark arrived soon after, and the homeowners, who were inside the house, reportedly gave them permission to go back into the shed, where they discovered a separate room, cor-

doned off with a sheet.

"Once we pulled the sheet back there was a two-liter bottle where meth was being cooked. The bottle was still bubbling at that time," Riley said.

Preserving history, honoring the past



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TOP — Jimmy Burton, left, and Troy Benningfield, right, work together to make sure they allotted the right amount of room for a wooden base for a tombstone in the St. Thomas Cemetery. **BELOW —** Sister Charlene Jacobs discusses the oldest tombstone in the St. Thomas Cemetery, which is for Margaret Abell who passed away in January 1818.

“I just feel like we owe it to those people whose ancestors are buried here.

SISTER CHARLENE JACOBS

Restoration work revitalizes older section of St. Thomas Cemetery

JENNIFER CORBETT
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As a way of honoring the past, members of the St. Thomas cemetery committee decided it was time to restore the historical significance in its graveyard.

Troy Benningfield, owner of Clean Cut Lawn & Landscape, along with his son, Dakota, and contractor Jimmy Burton spent the afternoon March 14 revitalizing 40 tombstones in the older section of the graveyard. The stones they worked on had either sunk in the ground or broke in half due to wear and tear over the years at St. Thomas.

"Over the years, (the graves) began to sink and deteriorate," Troy Benningfield said, noting that one grave sunk so far into the ground the date the person passed away was covered.

"Now, they'll get to see the whole stone," he added.

The revitalization project began during a St. Thomas Cemetery Committee meeting Feb. 7 and is set to end in mid-April. Committee members hired Benningfield to restore the older section of the cemetery.

In order to preserve the history, Benningfield and his crew built wooden base structures to prevent the tombstones from sinking.

Some of the historical graves were dated as far back to January 1818.

It was vital to the committee members that to recognize the workmanship that went into each of the graves.

Instead of completely fixing the broken tombstones, the workers poured concrete slabs in the ground and laid the graves flat on top of them.

"We're preserving anything we can take out," Benningfield said. "Anything that's a part of

history, we're keeping it together."

Another aspect that Benningfield wanted to maintain was the original location of the stones. He made it a point to not move the tombstones.

"They're there for a reason," he said.

According to Sister Charlene Jacobs, a member of the St. Thomas cemetery committee, the group observed the damage the tombstones had received over time.

The committee members felt like it was important for them to preserve the graves before it was too late.

She added that after the tombstones are placed in their new base structures, they would be cleaned in a careful manner to keep the workmanship and ethical value.

"We've wanted to do this for years," Jones said. "I just feel like we owe it to those people whose ancestors are buried here. By preserving the stones, we're preserving the history of the area."

Another additional benefit to the restoration process is the help it would give to families working on their genealogy history, Jones noted.

Benningfield and his crew began the process by digging up the old bases and removing the stones. They then leveled the ground and poured concrete slabs to support the new wooden bases.

"It's been a long time since we've done something like this," Benningfield said. "It's been a great experience for us."

He said the committee has been very supportive and appreciative of the work being done.

"We're grateful for the opportunity to help preserve this piece of history," Benningfield said.



TOP LEFT — Jimmy Burton begins to saw a wooden base for a tombstone.

ABOVE — Dakota Benningfield works diligently to create newly remodeled structures to support the older grave stones.

AT LEFT — Troy Benningfield digs out a base that had separated from its headstone over the years.